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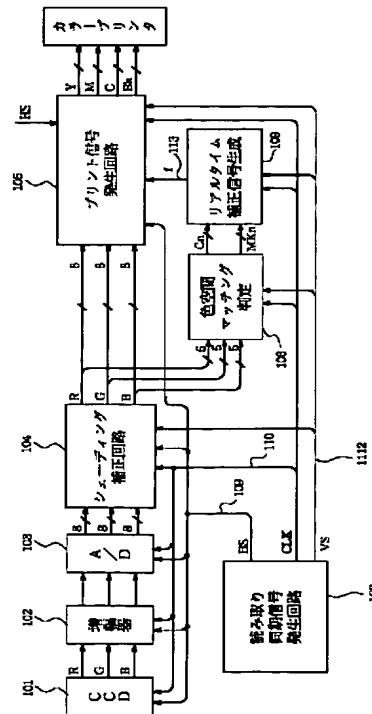
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(54)【発明の名称】 画像処理装置

(57)【要約】

【目的】 入力画像と特定画像との類似度に応じて、入力画像を処理する。

【構成】 入力画像と特定画像との類似度を判定する手段(106)を有する画像処理装置であって、前記入力画像の所定の領域毎に、特定画像との類似度を判定することを特徴とする。



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【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 入力画像と特定画像との類似度を判定する手段を有する画像処理装置であって、前記入力画像の所定の領域毎に、特定画像との類似度を判定することを特徴とする画像処理装置。

【請求項2】 前記判定手段は、入力画像と特定画像の色味の分布に応じて類似度を判定することを、特徴とする請求項1記載の画像処理装置。

【請求項3】 前記特定画像は、複数の画像であることを特徴とする請求項1記載の画像処理装置。 10

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【産業上の利用分野】本発明は、特定画像の検出を、入力画像信号に基づいて行う画像処理装置に関するものである。

【0002】

【従来の技術】近年、複写機の発達に伴って、読み取った原稿の再現性が向上している。このため、紙幣などの偽造行為を防げるための技術が必要となる。その技術のひとつとして、色空間での特定原稿データを予め登録し、入力原画像データの分布が、色空間上で、特定原稿データの分布と、ほぼ同一になるか否かを判定し、特定原稿を判別する技術が本出願人により提案されている。

【0003】さらに詳しくは、入力原画像データのR(レッド)、G(グリーン)、B(ブルー)信号のR、G、B 3次元座標空間での分布と、特定原稿データのR、G、B 3次元座標空間での分布を比較し、合致している部分がある一定値以上になった場合、特定原稿の画像データが入力されていると判断するものである。 20

【0004】

【発明が解決しようとしている課題】しかしながら、上記技術によると、例えば図18に示すように、入力原稿の面積が大きく、かつ、特定原稿の色味に似た部分が、散在している場合、入力原稿を誤って特定原稿と誤判定するという問題がある。

【0005】これは、特定原稿に対して、判定対象となる入力原稿の面積が相対的に大きくなるにつれて顕著になる。

【0006】そこで、本発明は入力画像の所定の領域毎に、上記判定を行うことにより、誤判定を防止した画像処理装置を提供することを目的とする。 40

【0007】

【課題を解決するための手段及び作用】上記課題を解決するため、本発明の画像処理装置は、入力画像と特定画像との類似度を判定する手段を有する画像処理装置であって、前記入力画像の所定の領域毎に、特定画像との類似度を判定することを特徴とする。

【0008】

【実施例】以下、実施例で本発明の実施例を説明する。

【0009】(信号処理ブロック図) 図1は、カラー画 50

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像読み取り装置の信号処理ブロック図である。

【0010】同図において、101はCCDカラーセンサーであり、102は、アナログ増幅器であり、103はA/D変換器であり、104は、画像信号の読み取り位置による、明るさのばらつきを補正するシェーディング補正回路である。

【0011】106は読み取り画像データと例えば紙幣、有価証券等の特定原稿との3次元色空間での分布の類似度をリアルタイムで算出する色空間マッチング判定回路である。

【0012】シェーディング補正後のカラー信号を用いることにより、原稿の位置による、明るさ、色味の歪みが補正され、入力原稿の置かれる位置にかかわらず、色空間での類似度判定を正確に行うことができる。

【0013】カラー画像読み取り装置のシェーディング補正回路104は、公知の技術のため、ここでは詳述しない。

【0014】105は、プリント信号生成回路であり、入力カラー信号R(レッド)、G(グリーン)、B(ブルー)をY(イエロー)、M(マゼンダ)、C(シアン)、Bk(ブラック)信号に変換する回路である。また、リアルタイム補正信号f113により、プリント信号を変調する。 20

【0015】107は、リアルタイム補正信号f113を生成する回路である。

【0016】108は、読み取り同期信号IIS109、CLK110、VSL112を生成する回路ブロックである。IIS109は、主走査区間信号であり、CLK110は画素読み取り基本クロック信号であり、VSL112は、原稿読み取りの副走査方向有効領域を示す区間信号である。 30

【0017】(色空間マッチング判定回路ブロック106) 図2は、色空間マッチング判定106を説明する図面である。

【0018】同図において、R201はシェーディング補正回路104からのR(レッド)信号8ビットのうちの上位5ビットのデータである。同様に、G202は5ビットのG(グリーン)信号であり、B203は5ビットのB(ブルー)信号である。

【0019】204は、複数種類の特定原稿の色味に関する情報が格納されているROM(リードオンリメモリ)である。アドレスA₀～A₁₄に前記R、G、B信号が入力され、入力R、G、B信号が、複数種類の特定原稿のそれぞれの色味に合致しているか否かを示す、判定信号が、データD₀～D₇に出力される。

【0020】ROM204のデータには図9に示す様に、特定原稿の色味に関する情報が格納されており、特定原稿の色味に合致する場合は1が、そうでない場合は0が、D₀～D₇のそれぞれに出力される。D₀～D₇は、第0から第7までの8種類の特定原稿に対応する。

【0021】図13は、ROM204に格納されている複数原稿の色味に関するデータと、ROM204のビット位置との関係を示した図である。これにより、入力された画素データに対してD₀～D₇から、8種類の異なった特定原稿の色味に関する判定情報が、並列に出力される。

【0022】220～227は、色味判定信号X₀21～X₇217の信号を用いて、図7、及び図8で示す平滑演算を行う回路である。

【0023】図7は平滑回路220～227の回路構成を示す回路ブロック図である。

【0024】同図において、701、702は乗算器、703は加算器、704はラッチ回路、705はコンバーティアである。乗算器701、702、加算器703による入力データと前データとの加重平均により、下の図8に示す様な、連続性を加味した判定が可能となる。

【0025】図8は、入力X_iと、平滑演算値Y_iとの関係を示す図である。入力X_iの値が、1が連続すればY_iの値が増大する。

【0026】これにより、入力R、G、B信号が、連続して特定原稿の色味に合致している場合に、信号230～237が1となり、ノイズ等の影響を受けることなく、より正確な判定が可能となる。

$$\delta n = \frac{1}{100} \times U_{ORG}$$

ここで、U_{ORG}は図14においてR、G、B座標軸を32区分した、立方体を単位体積とする数値である。

【0033】1の値は、特定原稿が、原稿台に置かれている場合、約半分まで読み取った時、判定信号MK_nが1となる様、設定する。

【0034】CCL281は、色空間マッチング処理を

$$1s \geq 1m \geq \frac{ls}{2}$$

1s：特定原稿の長手方向のサイズ

1m：CCL281が1である区間距離

【0036】セレクタ271、272は、副走査区間信号VS112が0(LOW)のとき、または、色空間マッチング処理領域信号281が0(LOW)のとき、SRAM209を0にクリアするためのものである。アドレスジェネレータ270は、SRAM209のすべてのアドレスを順々に発生する回路である。VSC280がLOWの時、アドレスジェネレータ270が発生するアドレス信号に従ってSRAM209が0にクリアされる。

【0037】205は、図4に示す、タイミング信号を発生するタイミング発生回路である。

【0038】CLK4 206は、基本クロックCLK110を4分周した、クロック信号であり、207は、SRAM209のライトイネーブル端子を制御する信号であり、208はSRAM209のアウトプットイネー

【0027】色空間判定回路240～247において、図14に示すR、G、B色空間における、特定画像データと入力カラー信号の類似度をリアルタイムで算出し、色空間類似度判定信号MK₀260～MK₇267を算出する。

【0028】図3は、色空間判定回路240～247の内1つの回路ブロック図である。

【0029】本回路構成により、SRAM209からのデータD_nと、平滑回路からの信号C_nと、OR演算され、SRAM209に書き込まれる。また、データD_nが0から1に遷移する場合のみ、カウンタ301がカウントアップされる。カウンタ301は、副走査区間信号VS112の立ち上がり、または、CCL281のローキュリでクリアされる。

【0030】回路ブロック310は、カウンタ301の出力値の最大値をラッチする回路である。

【0031】カウンタ301の出力最大値Z_nとレジスタ302の定数δ_nとがコンバーティア302で大小比較され、Z_n>δ_nの場合、MK_n=1となり、Z_n≤δ_nの場合、MK_n=0となる。δ_nの値は、図14のU_{ORG}の1%の値が設定されている。

【0032】

【外1】

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行う領域を示す信号であり、図15に示すタイミングで、下記(2)式を満足する様にタイミング発生回路205により発生される。

【0035】

【外2】

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ブル端子を制御する信号である。

【0039】上記処理により、一定区間領域の観測画像データすなわち、一定区間領域内の入力カラー信号列のデータが、特定原稿の画像データとR、G、B3次元色空間で、ほぼ同一の形状となった時、色空間類似度判定信号MK₀260～MK₇267が1に設定される。

【0040】(リアルタイム補正信号生成)図5は、リアルタイム補正信号生成回路107を説明する、回路ブロック図である。

【0041】本回路構成により、ROM204に登録した複数の特定原稿データのうち、いずれか1つでも、観測画像データと色空間上で合致したと判定される時、リアルタイム補正信号f113は1(HIGH)に設定される。

【0042】(プリント信号生成回路)図6は、プリント信号生成回路105を説明する、回路ブロック図である。

【0043】マスキングUCR演算回路A601は、通常時、入力RGB信号より、プリントYMCBk信号を生成する回路である。

【0044】マスキングUCR演算回路B602は、入力カラー信号が特定原稿に合致すると判定された場合、色味を変えた、（例えば、赤みを強く）プリントYMCBk信号を生成する回路である。

【0045】セレクタ603で、リアルタイム補正信号f113により、回路601、602の信号を選択して出力することにより、特定原稿に合致していると判定された領域のみ、色味を変えてプリントすることが可能となる。

【0046】（他の実施例）図20、図21は本発明の第2の実施例を説明するための図面である。

【0047】前記第1の実施例は、一定区間領域毎に、入力原稿と、特定原稿の色分布の類似度を算出するものであった。色分布の類似度の算出値が一定間隔（図15の斜線の区間）で、一旦クリアされるため、特定原稿の置かれている位置によっては、特定原稿検出がうまく行かない可能性がある。

【0048】本第2の実施例においては、上述と同様の構成の2つの判定回路部2001、2002を設け、図21で示す様に、位相の異なる、信号2101（CCL1）、2102（CCL2）により、それぞれの判定回路で、色空間マッチング判定を行うことにより、特定原稿の原稿台上的位置にかかわらず、より正確に特定原稿検出を行うものである。

【0049】本実施例によれば、複数の回路を、異なる位相で働かせるので、簡単な信号制御で、正確な判定が可能となる。

【0050】なお、上記実施例では、副走査方向で領域分割を行う様に、判定データのリセットを行ったが、例えば、コンピュータのソフトウェアにより判定する場合には、例えば、主走査方向に領域分割を行ってもよく、領域の分割の方法は、上述の例に限らない。

【0051】

【発明の効果】以上説明した様に、入力画像の区分された領域毎に、特定画像との類似度を判定することにより、より正確に、特定画像の検出を行うことが可能となる。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】カラー画像読み取り装置の信号処理ブロック図。

【図2】色空間マッチング判定106を説明する図面。

【図3】色空間判定回路240～247を説明する図面。

【図4】SRAM209へのデータ読み取り、書き込みに関するタイミングチャート。

【図5】リアルタイム補正信号生成回路107を説明する回路ブロック図。

【図6】プリント信号生成回路105を説明する回路ブロック図。

【図7】平滑回路220～227の回路構成を示すブロック図。

【図8】入力Xiと平滑演算値Yiとの関係を示す図。

【図9】特定原稿の色空間における形状と判定ROM204の関係を示した図。

【図10】原稿台上の特定原稿の位置と認識領域の関係を示した図。

【図11】特定原稿AのR、G、B3次元色空間での分布を示した図。

【図12】特定原稿BのR、G、B3次元色空間での分布を示した図。

【図13】特定原稿A～Hの色味情報が格納されたROM204の、データ構成を説明した図。

【図14】特定画像データと入力画像データとの比較を概念的に示した図。

【図15】色空間マッチング処理領域信号CCL281と、原稿台上的区分された領域との関係を示した図。

【図16】色空間判定回路240～247を説明する図。

【図17】色空間マッチング判定106を説明する図。

【図18】入力原稿の色分布を示した図。

【図19】第1の実施例で区分される入力領域を示した図。

【図20】第2の実施例の色空間マッチング判定106を説明する図。

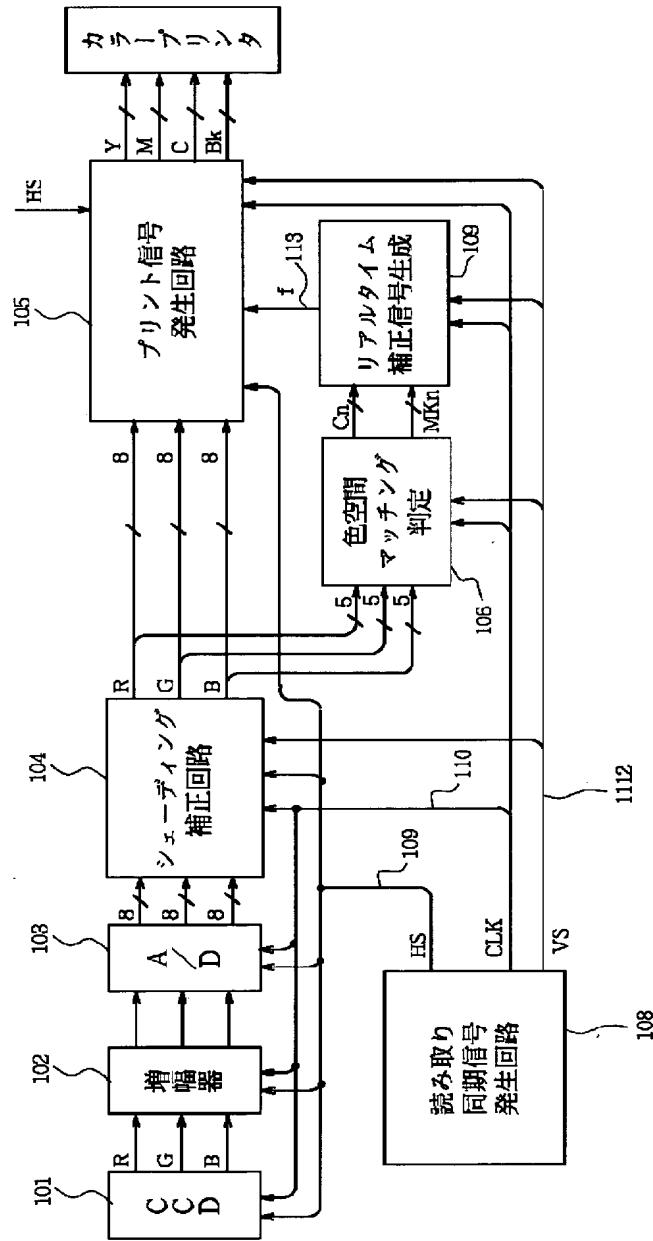
【図21】第2の実施例での区分される領域を説明した図。

【符号の説明】

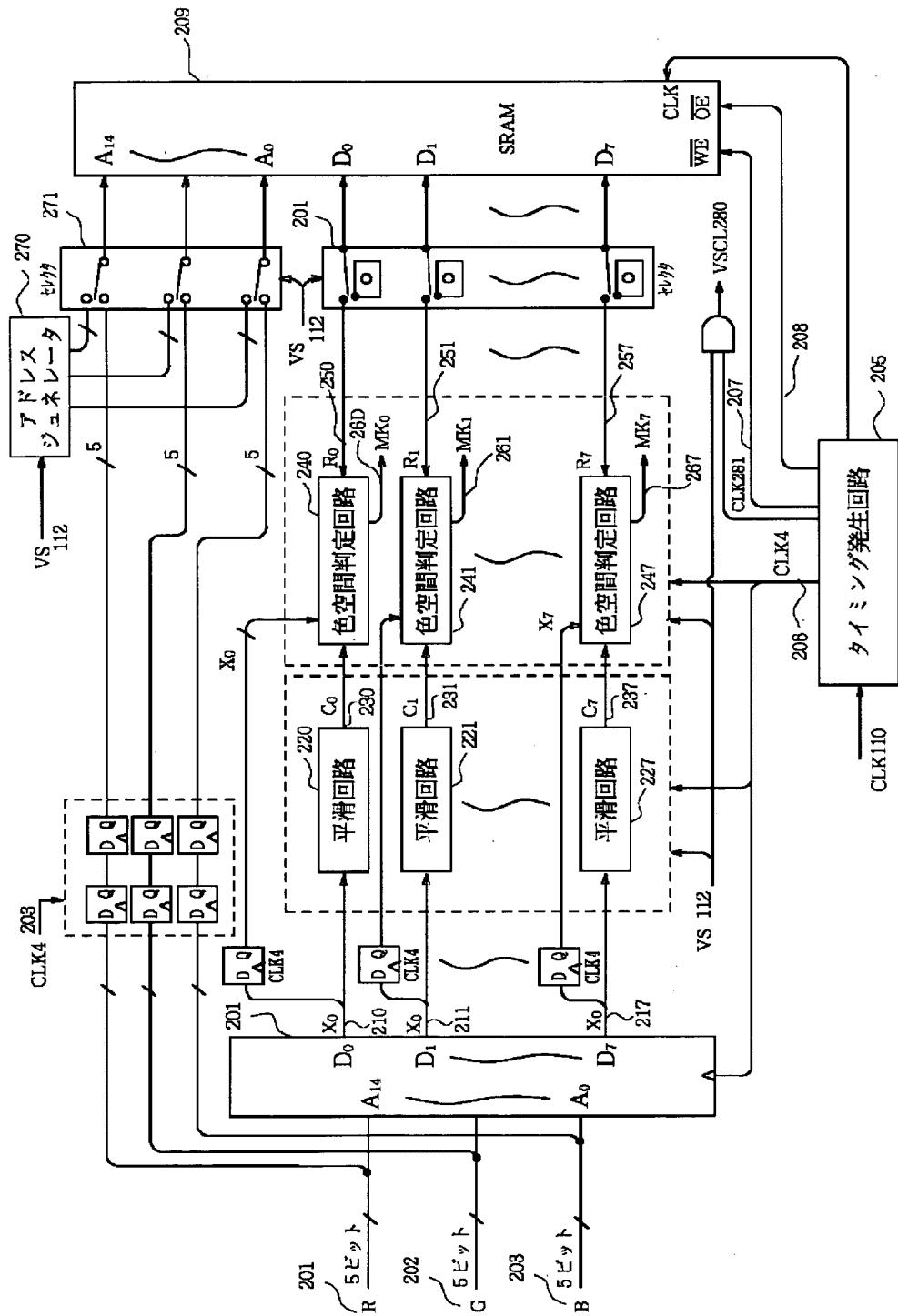
106 色空間マッチング判定回路

107 リアルタイム補正信号生成回路

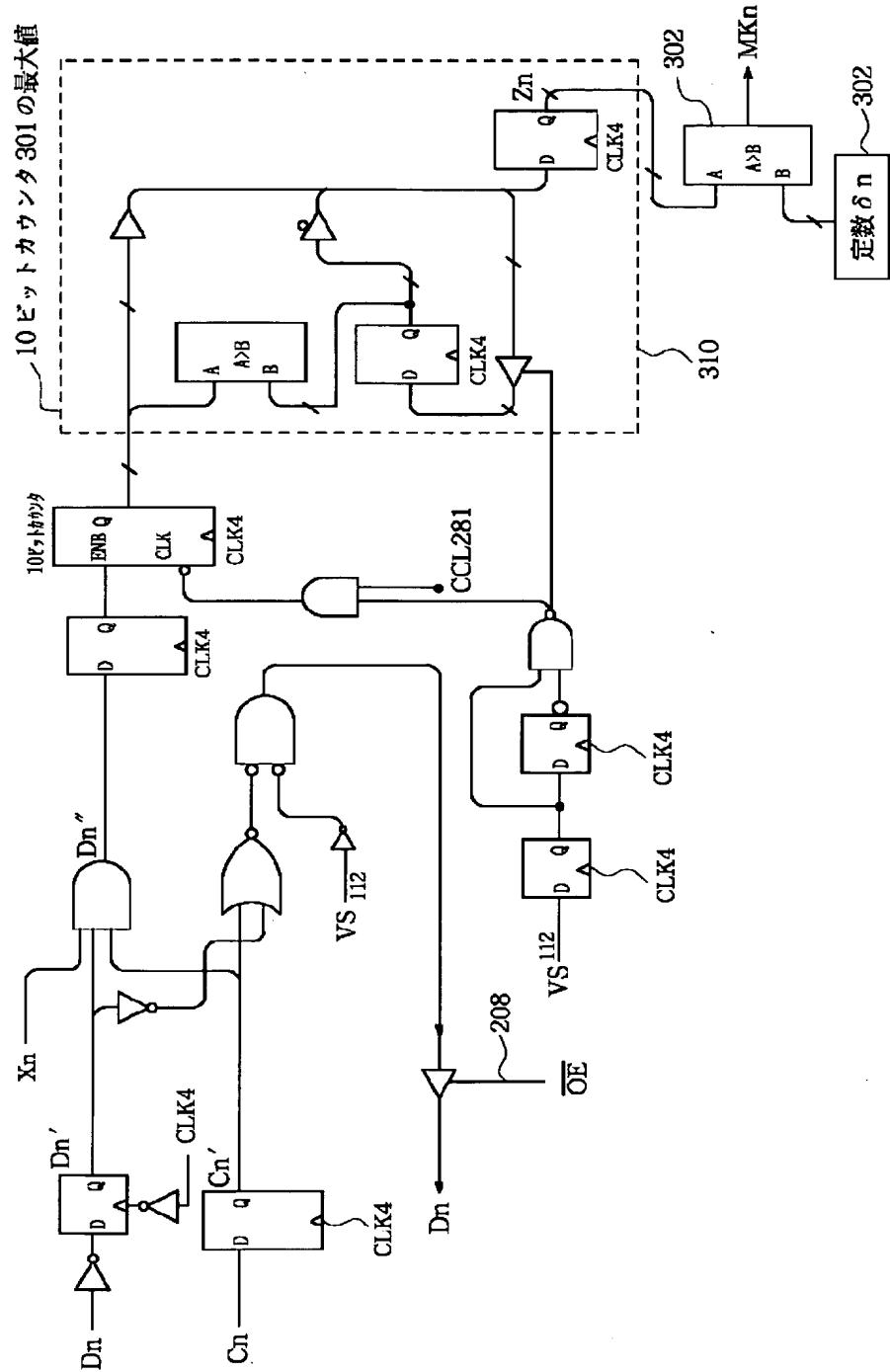
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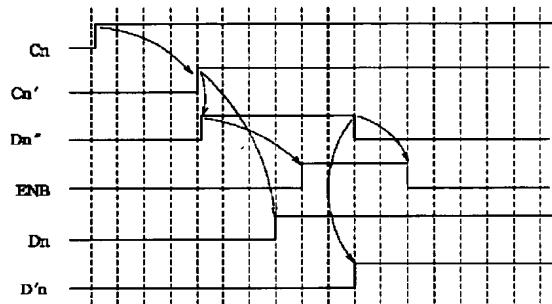
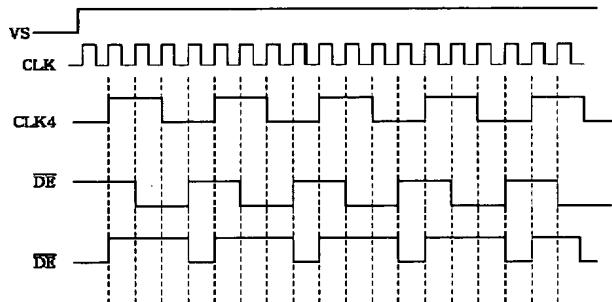
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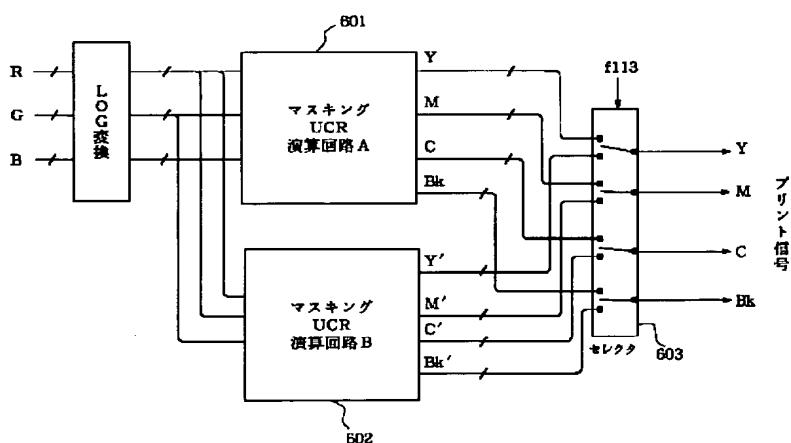
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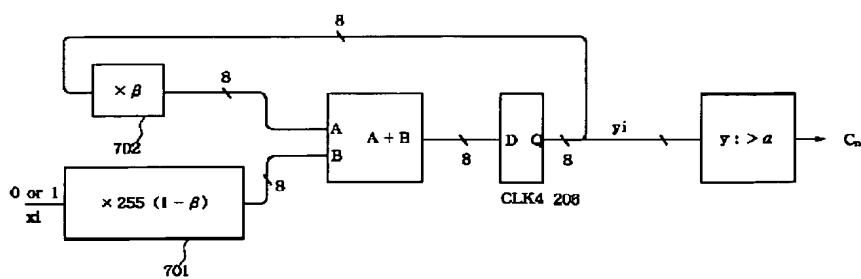
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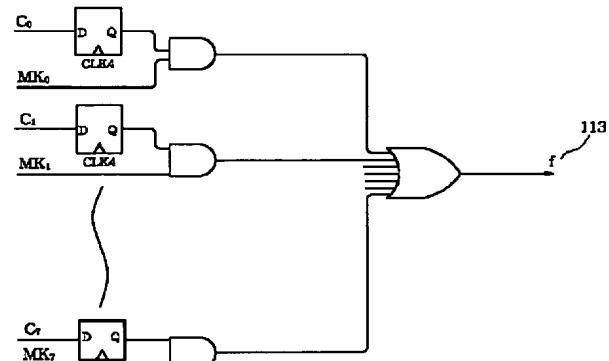
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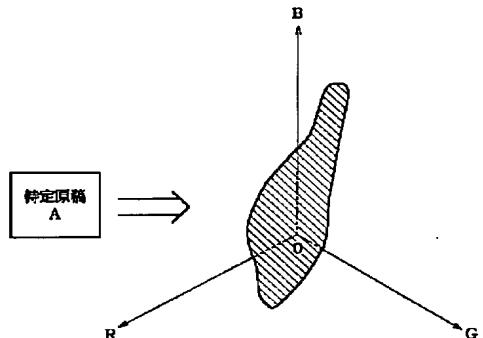
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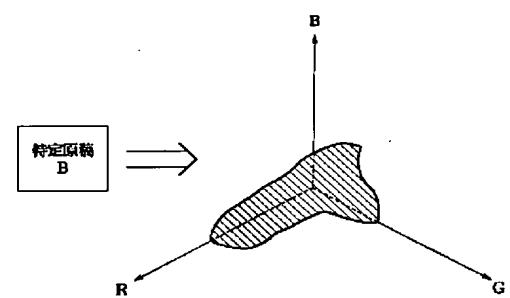
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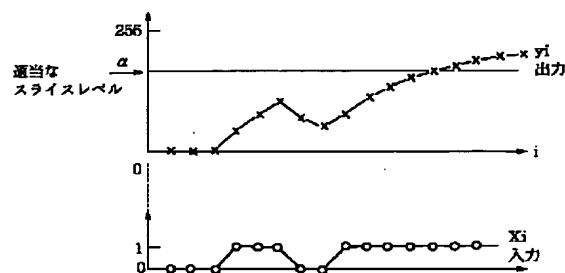
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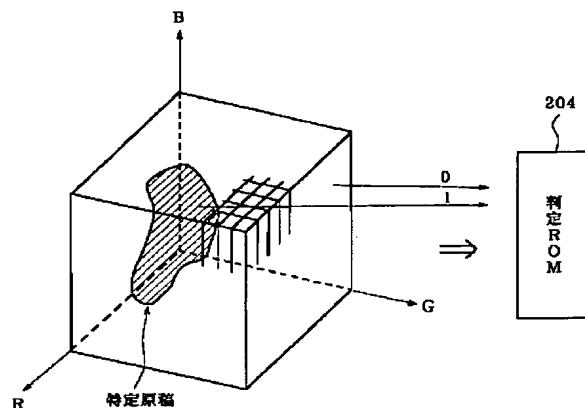
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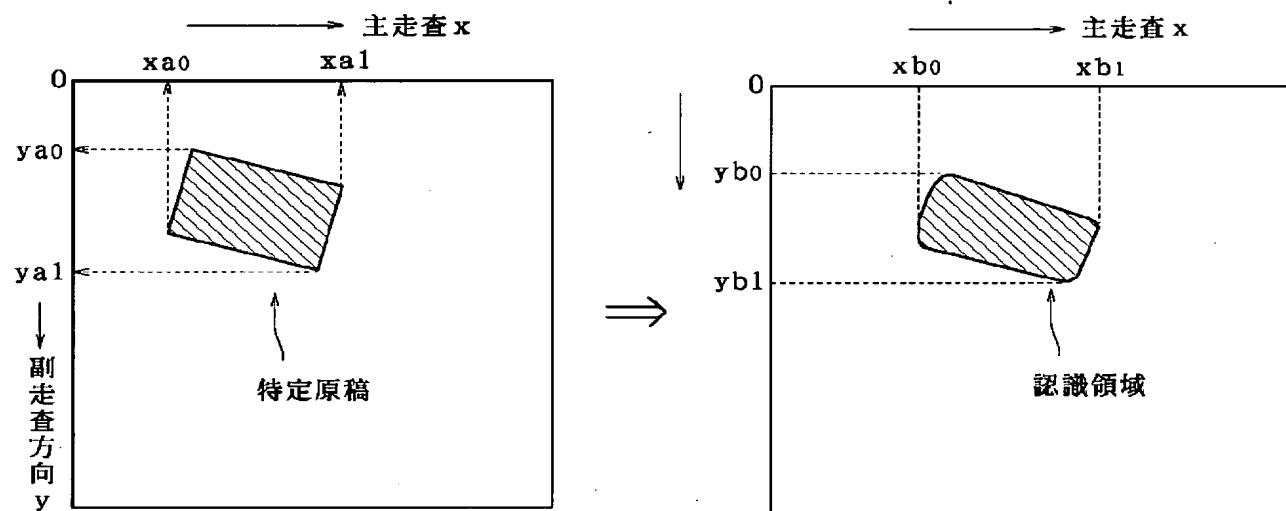
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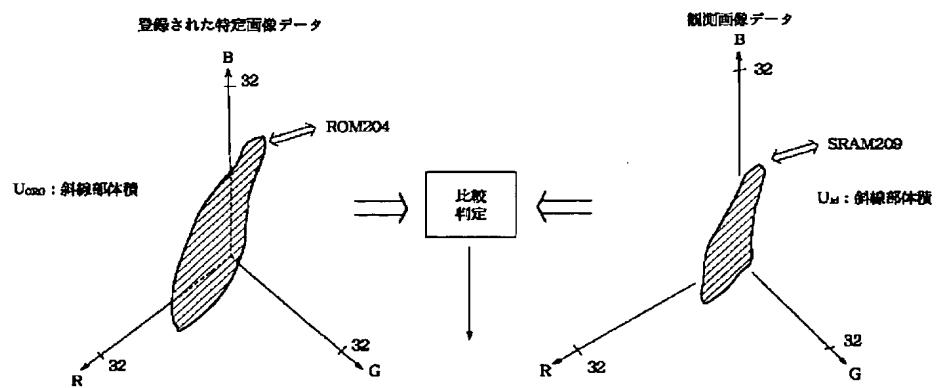
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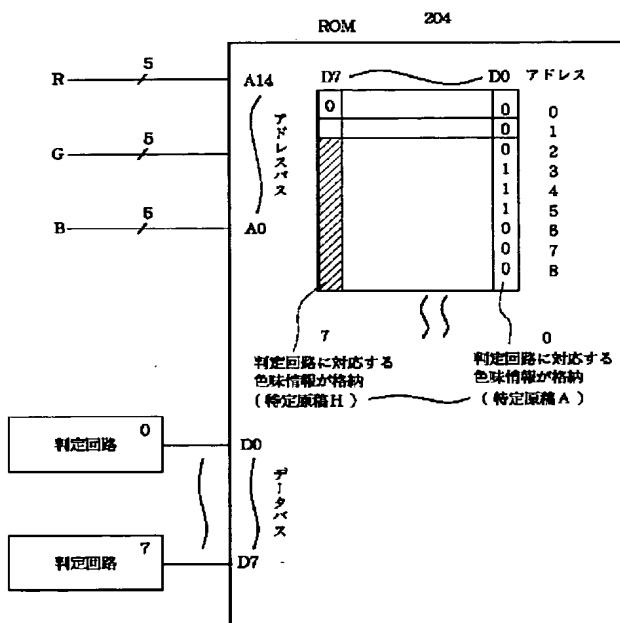
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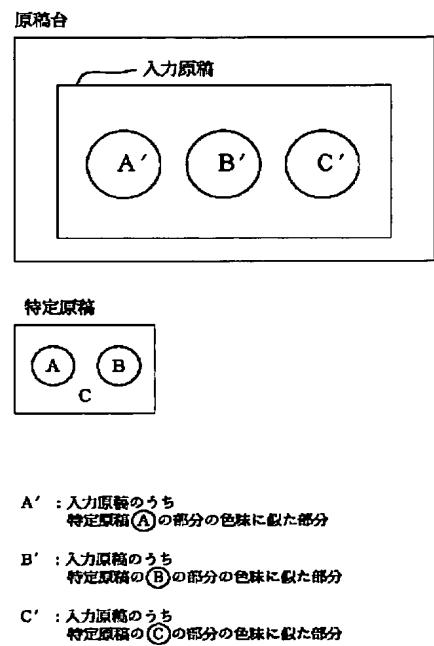
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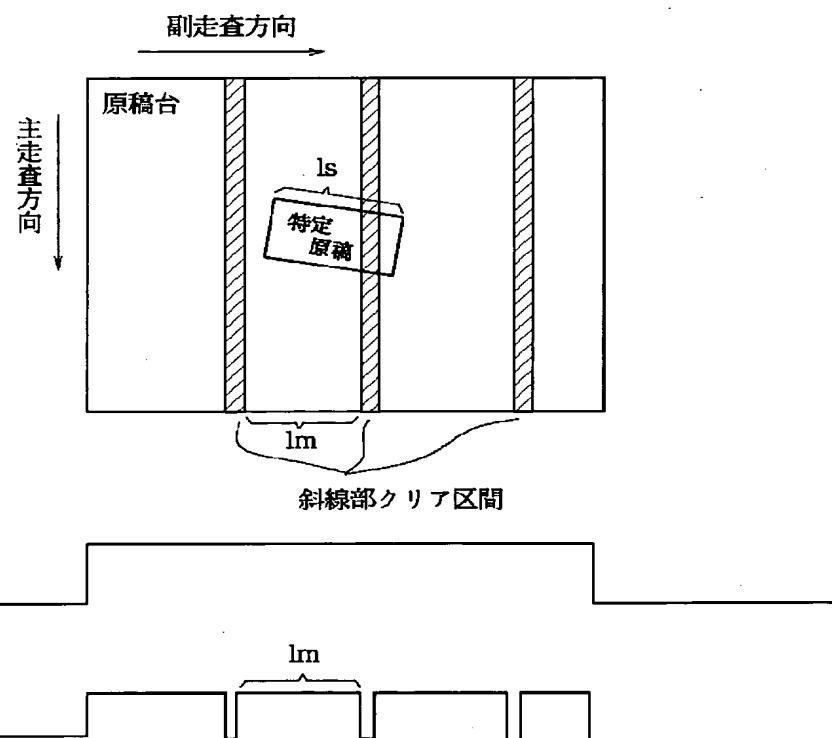
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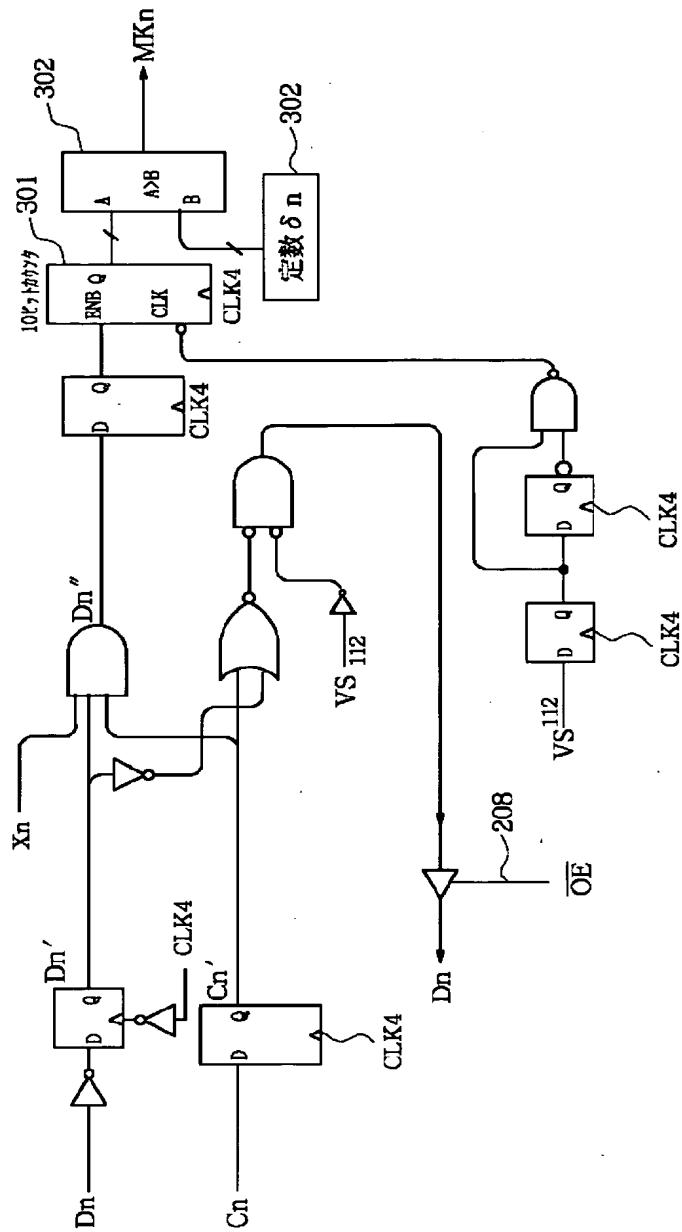
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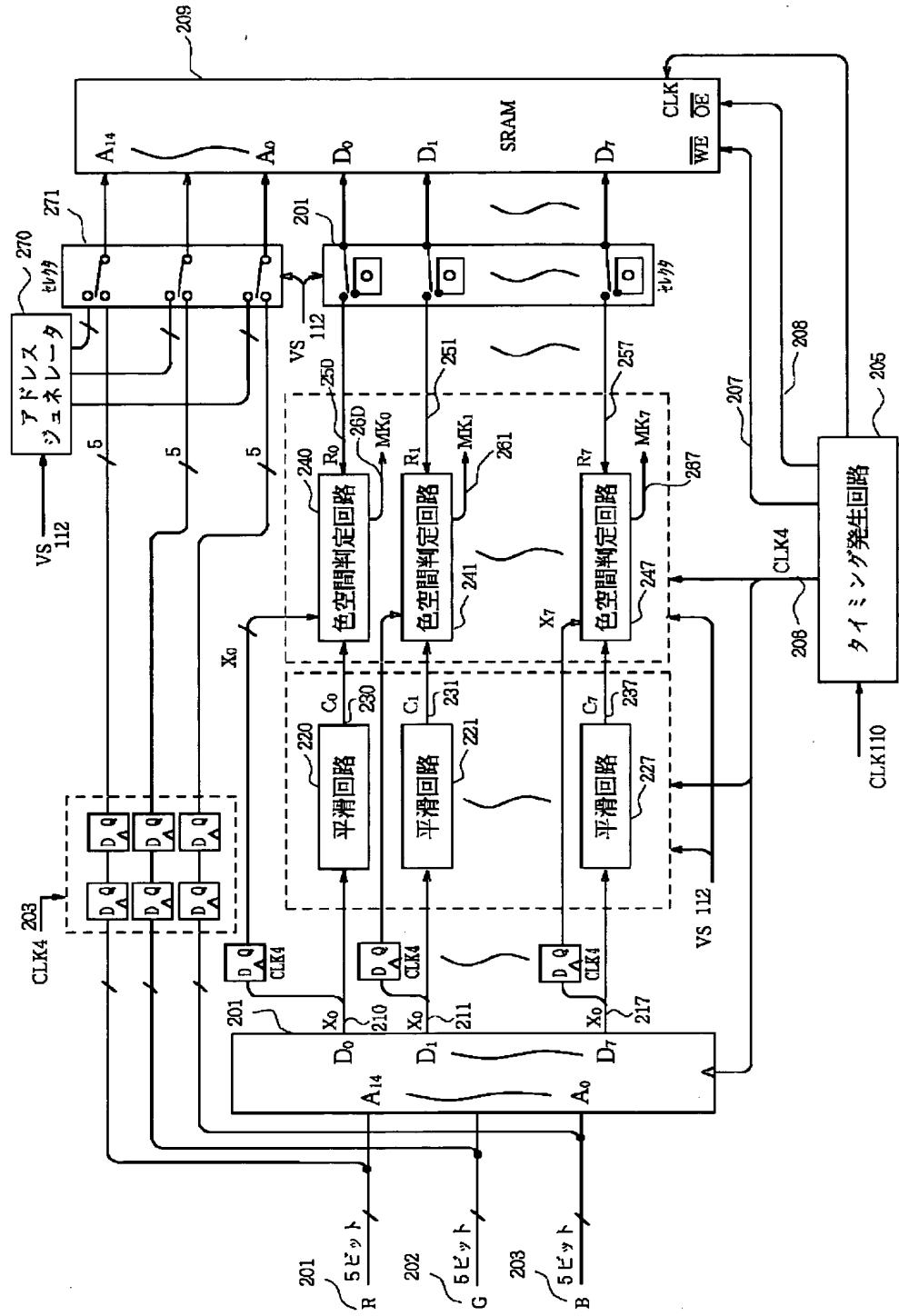
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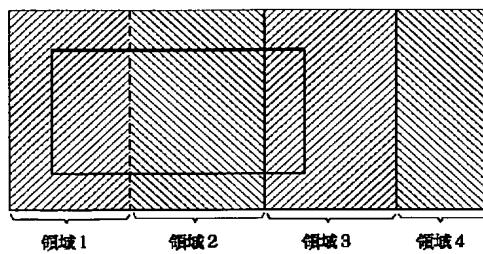


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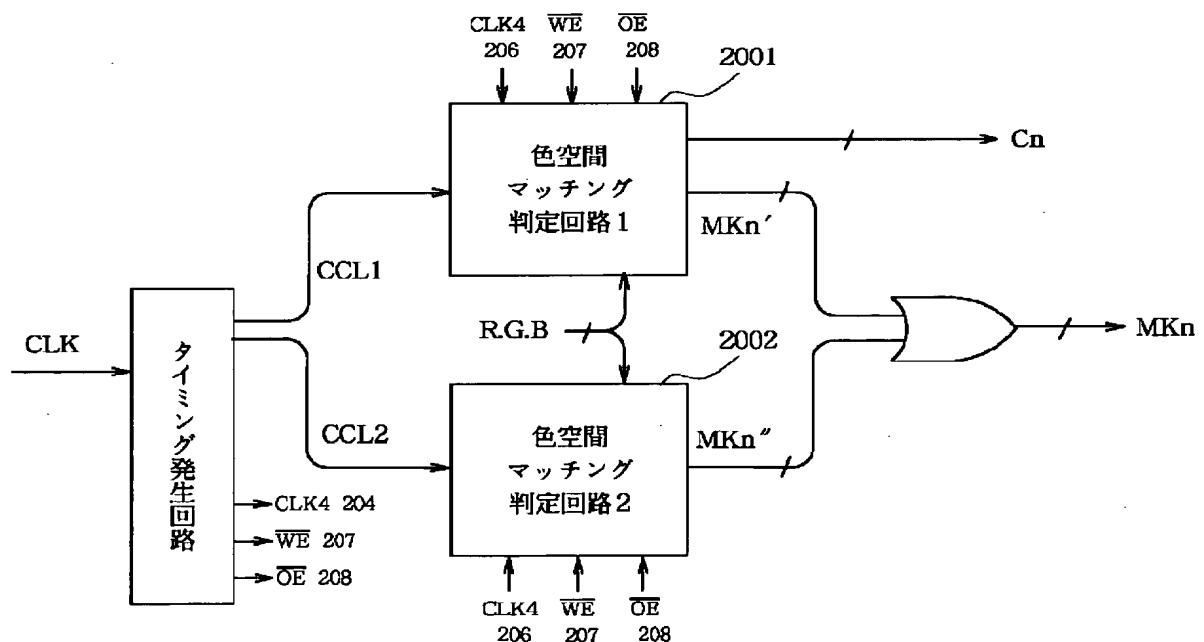


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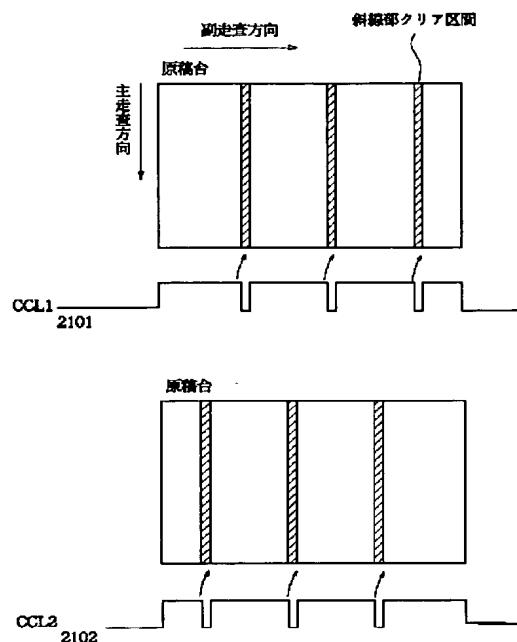
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【図20】



【図21】



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

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[Claim 2] Said judgment means is an image processing system according to claim 1 characterized by judging similarity according to distribution of the tint of an input image and a specific image.

[Claim 3] Said specific image is an image processing system according to claim 1 characterized by being two or more images.

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[0032]

[External Character 1]

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[External Character 2]

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[0046] (Other examples) Drawing 20 and drawing 21 are the drawings for

explaining the 2nd example of this invention.

[0047] Said 1st example was what computes the similarity of color distribution of an input manuscript and a specific manuscript to every fixed section field. Since the calculation value of the similarity of color distribution is once cleared at fixed spacing (section of the slash of drawing 15), depending on the location on which the specific manuscript is put, specific manuscript detection may not go well.

[0048] In the example of *** 2, as formed the two judgment circuit sections 2001 and 2002 of the same configuration as *** and shown in drawing 2121, with the signals 2101 (CCL1) and 2102 (CCL2) with which phases differ, it is each judgment circuit and specific manuscript detection is performed more to accuracy irrespective of the location on the manuscript base of a specific manuscript by performing a color space matching judging.

[0049] Since two or more circuits are used with a different phase according to this example, an exact judgment is attained by the easy signal control.

[0050] In addition, in the above-mentioned example, judgment data were reset so that field division might be performed in the direction of vertical scanning, but in judging with the software of a computer, field division may be performed to a main scanning direction, and it does not restrict the approach of division of a field to an above-mentioned example, for example.

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[Brief Description of the Drawings]

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[Drawing 10] Drawing having shown the location of the specific manuscript on a manuscript base, and the relation of a recognition field.

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[Drawing 20] Drawing explaining the color space matching judging 106 of the 2nd example.

[Drawing 21] Drawing explaining the field in the 2nd example classified.

[Description of Notations]

106 Color Space Matching Judging Circuit

107 Real-time Amendment Signal Generation Circuit

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